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THE REAL ROCK.
Rev. J. T. French preached in Trinity yesterday morning from the text, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. XVI. 18. The speaker said: In this text Christ founded and defined his church; he established and named it at the same time. There is no word more misunderstood than is this word "church." It has cost more war and bloodshed than any other word; it has been more of a stumbling block to the English vocabulary, and simply because of its interpretation. But in this text it is used in its true significance, viz., that there is one church, the church founded and named by Jesus Christ. The Methodist church is a branch of that church; all Christian churches are branches of that true church. Some churches are true churches only in their church; but Methodist look upon God as being in all the churches that are branches of the church founded by our Lord. The moment Christ who is a man and God, came to this world, he found a church. Peter was the first man who confessed Christ. The church of Christ was built on human flesh, and the church of Christ was built on Peter's individual confession; whereas it was on the object of that confession that the true church was built—no man can make a confession without an experience and the church is built on a human experience which has a divine reality. Nothing is of more vital importance than the difference between the church and the kingdom of God. The church is a human institution; the kingdom of God is a divine reality. The church exists for the sake of the kingdom of God; it is the means of which the kingdom is an end.

What is the kingdom of God? It is a religious society, a Christian family. Christ came to establish and create a Christian home. Christ coined the expression "Christian home," which is the foundation of this nation, and is the foundation of God. The life of family relations and domestic ties are only possible in a Christian land. Never can Christianity be destroyed until the Christian home is destroyed. A Christian family relations growing in El Paso? Are inroads being made by the corroding influences of the devil? Is the bible read in the public schools? If you would make any how read the bible in the public schools, Japan has distinguished us in adopting God's word as a text book in its public schools. Christ came to establish not only a Christian home, but a Christian state where legislation will be wise and benevolent, where law and order prevail; and Christ is going, moreover, to organize a Christian race. God is going to conquer this world for himself, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The key note of the Christian life is being thorough going; God wants men and women who are ready to live and die for him. Moreover, God wants aggressive rather than a defensive church. A church that is up to the times and is ready for the twentieth century, one that will take the world for God. Upon this, he says, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The reproach of the church is its dead members, that is, members who are dead in works; and no church can prosper until these are out of or are restored to life.

dors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead be reconciled to God. Christ has accomplished the reconciliation, but there must be a ministry to make it known. The word translated "ministry" means service. A minister is a servant. A servant of Christ is the servant of mankind for Christ's sake. But he is also a steward in the mysteries of God. Now silence the voice of the ministry in all lands, burn up the new testament and all references to it for the new testament of Christ; throw down the founts and the altars at which God's priests alone may minister; forbid them longer applying in God's name the cleansing of baptism and the feeding of the faithful with the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood, and what will be the result? Can imagination picture the spiritual destitution that would ensue? But we have supposed an utterly impossible case. It is equivalent to supposing the silencing of the voice of God. It is God's will that man should receive the news of His redemption from the lips of his brother man. Ministers are servants of Christ and their work is to bring the news of salvation to them that sit in darkness guiding the feet of the lost into the paths of peace.

In conclusion, Christ died to save us and we are reconciled to God in the sense that Adam was reconciled to God before his sin, but we must be reconciled to God in another sense—we must will to have it so. We must yield consent. We must look up into the heavenly Father's face and say, "Abba, Father." We must accept our adoption as sons of God and join hands with Christ. The ministers of reconciliation work with this end in view. Their message is to all they must go. Christ made no distinction of persons. His work of reconciliation was for all. This ministry must go to all, and plead with all, after telling of an accomplished reconciliation, to be reconciled to God; to receive the news of Christ to accept of His baptism; to confess His name before men in confirmation, and to partake of the food His love provides.

Angelic Visitation.
Rev. W. O. Millican preached last night in the Baptist church from the text, "The angel of the Lord encampeth about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalms XXXIV. 7. The speaker said any and all endeavors to worship angels whether through pictures or otherwise is contrary to the will of God and should be contrary to ours. The early Christian fathers believed that a special angel was detailed by God to each person at their birth, to watch over that person till death; and when they were called to the life beyond, the angel should be ready to receive them. The speaker said that the theory of guardian angels is an error; but at the same time there is nothing in the scriptures to warrant it. At the same time many Christian people are guided by a hope and expectation of angelic presence, but such a hope is based on a false premise. Once in a while God has seen fit to reveal us the invisible, as was in the case of Gideon who delivered Israel. God can work in more ways than through man alone. Here the speaker cited a number of instances, as the fourth man in the fiery furnace; the case of the angel who closed the mouth of the lions in the den where Daniel was thrown; the vision to Joseph telling him to flee from the wrath of Herod; the smiting of Herod by the angel of the Lord; the sending of Philip to the Eunuch in the desert; the rolling away the stone from the mouth of the sepulchre by the angel; angels came and ministered unto him; "for their angels do behold the face of my father who is in heaven." Angels are declared to be with us in our worship; and why not be sure that angels are present with us from day to day. The speaker was inclined to believe that with the mass of testimony of the bible before us, we must accept it as a fact that human spirits move more or less in communion with greater spirits, angels who are to help and encourage us just with Elijah, Moses and the servants of God of old. Good spirits shall triumph over the evil spirits, and enthroned Christ as Lord of all.

The choir was assisted by a violin, clarinet, cornet and horn. Mr. Anderson of the McGinty band playing the clarinet. This instrument carries the tone very well. A euphonium to play the base part is much needed. An enjoyable feature of the musical part of the exercises was a soprano and violin duo between Miss Windsor and Mr. Ford of the McGinty orchestra, with organ accompaniment by Miss Helen Stout of Chicago. The selection was Braga's ever favorite "Angel's Serenade," and it was well given. It has been remarked of the organist that she is one of the finest music readers in town, and brings out of that organ more music than any one else has ever been able to get out of it.

Epworth League.
The Senior Epworth League of Trinity church met in its usual devotional exercises at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, Miss Annie Latimer leading. The parts that were prepared were well given and bespoke an interest in the league not hitherto noticed. Six new members were received after the devotional exercises were over, which greatly encouraged the present members. Ira Huggert was appointed leader for next Sunday. Below is the program as rendered: Miss Annie Latimer, leader; Song No. 12, Pentecostal Hymns; Scripture lesson read by Miss Latimer; Prayer led by Rev. French; Song No. 13, Pentecostal Hymns; Prayer led by Mrs. French; Paper on the lesson by Ira Huggert; Select reading by Miss Florence Wolf; Song No. 114 in Y. P. Hymnal; prayer led by Mrs. B. French; recitation by Miss Emma Wentz; Song No. 3 in Y. P. Hymnal; select reading by Miss Lillian Huggert; prayer led by Mr. Williams; Song No. 8 in Y. P. Hymnal; testimonies 1 minute for each; five minutes recess.

A Big Thing for San Antonio.
I. F. Berdick & Co., and Centro de Los Encomendados, the two big Cuban cattle syndicates which have been buying Texas cattle for export, have consolidated and established headquarters in San Antonio, in charge of J. R. Stoller of Kansas City. The Havana trade of these syndicates alone will require 10,000 head of cattle per month for an indefinite period. This business will make San Antonio one of the largest cattle market centers in the country. In addition to supplying the Cuban markets, the Cuban cattle syndicate as now constituted will supply the island with stock cattle and work oxen. It is estimated that this trade will be off fully three years' duration in the present proportions.

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